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SUBJ: UNIVERSITY INTERVENTOR REPLACED

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1. IN A DECREE ISSUED DEC 26, THE GOA EXTENDED UNTIL
THE END OF MARCH THE INTERVENTION OF THE UNIVSERSITY OF

BUENOS AIRES (UBA). HOWEVER, THE INTERVENTOR, ALBERTO
OTRELAGANO, WAS THANKED FOR HIS SERVICES AND REPLACED BY
DR. JULIO LYONNET. THE SAME DECREE EXTENDED THE INTER-
VENTION IN FOUR OTHER UNIVERSITIES WITH NO PERSONNEL
CHANGES.

2. LYONNET IS A NEUROLOGIST WHO WAS APPOINTED SUBSECRETARY
FOR UNIVERSTIY AFFAIRES BY FORMER EDUCATION MINISTER TAIANA
IN JUNE 1973. LYONNET WILL RETAIN THIS POSITION AS HIS
APPOINTMENT AS INTERVENTOR IS TEMPORARY.

3. COMMENT: OTTALAGANO'S DEMISE WILL BE WELL RECEIVED
BY EVERYONE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SMALL EXTREME RIGHT-
WING, ULHJA CATHOLIC, ULTRA NATIONALISTIC SECTOR TO
WHICH HE BELONGED. LYONNET IS REFERRED AS A CAREER
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APOLITICAL. THE FACT THAT HE SURVIVED THE TRANSITION FROM
TAIANAI TO IVANISSEVICH WOULD SUPPORT THAT VIEW. LYONNET,
TO WHOM THE DECREE GAVE THE POWERS OF NORMALIZING RECTOR
UNDER THE UNIVERSTIY LAW (SOMETHING OTTALAGANO NEVER HAD),
CAN NOW BEGIN THE PROCESS OF BRINGING UBA BACK TOWARD THE
CENTER AFTER ITS RECENT SHIFT FROM ONE POLITICAL EXTREME

TO THE OTHER.

4. IN A MORE GENERAL SENSE, OTTALAGANO'S REPLACEMENT
CAN BE LOOKED UPON AS A VICTORY FOR THE FORCES OF
MODERATION WITHIN THE GOA AND SHOULD PROVIDE SOME
ENCOURAGEMENT TO OPPOSITION PARTY MEMBERS.
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